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Rear Admiral C. C. Kirkpatrick
Superintendent, United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Admiral Kirkpatrick:

Since last March when I assumed the duties of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence I have taken a direct interest in the personnel program of the Agency, and particularly in extending our resources for attracting outstanding young people who are seeking an interesting and challenging professional career in the Government service. We have a highly selective recruitment program for bringing junior officers into the Agency and training them in intelligence work for about two years before they are given their first professional assignments. We are enthusiastic about this program and very proud of the accomplishments of many of the young people who have completed it and taken on some difficult assignments.

It occurs to me that midshipmen may occasionally develop some relatively minor physical problem which might prevent their being commissioned upon graduation, but which might not be so serious that they would be disqualified for employment here. We have at least one such man in the Agency now who came to us from West Point in 1949. He has proven to be one of our outstanding young officers and I believe his career progression compares extremely favorably with any of his contemporaries, in or out of the service.

While we obviously cannot guarantee employment, I feel confident that we can offer a career peculiarly suited to the education graduates from the Naval Academy have received and that they may find this Agency a highly satisfactory alternative to a career in the Navy. If there are any such midshipmen in this, or subsequent classes, I would very much appreciate your acquainting them with the possibility of associating themselves with this Agency.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature] Marshall S. Carter

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